

Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish

Grant Summary

Initiative: Healthier Outcomes & Access to Health Care

Project Name: Linking the Parish, Inc., dba The Health Hut – Year 11

Funding Period: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

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Project Coordinator: Jacqueline White, M.D., Medical Director

Total Funding Approved: \$800,000.00

Program Summary

The Health Hut (THH) has provided mobile medical care and wellness programs in Lincoln Parish since 2011 through funding provided by Lincoln Health Foundation. THH continues to execute its mission of providing for the uninsured and Medicaid patients in Lincoln Parish. By utilizing mobile medical services, THH is able to reach the people closer to where they are, specifically in the communities of Grambling, Dubach, Simsboro, as well as in Ruston. While the bus continues to travel to the outlying areas of need, the City of Ruston has provided THH with a fixed location in town to expand locations of service. THH continues to focus on meeting the medical needs by providing access to quality primary care, both in the acute and chronic setting. The Health Hut's goal is to be proactive in identifying changing needs in the community and adjusting their wide range of services and/or locations to help meet those needs.

The Health Hut continues to strive to be the "safety net" for patients who have difficulty acquiring access to medical care. The goal is to ensure that patients have the resources needed to take care of their medical needs, and receive education on the importance of preventative healthcare. THH also reaches out to the medical community, and is the liaison for healthcare access for the people of our parish.